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Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien  
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Reference is made to your letter of 24 March 1975 advising of revisions being made to DOD Directive 5210.48 and to your request for review of those provisions applicable to the polygraph by CIA of DOD personnel who have a specified relationship with CIA. I have examined these revisions, in particular those in paragraph III.B.3 which set forth the polygraph authority. I am in accordance with this provision as stated. However, I suggest that, because at CIA the terms detailed and assigned are often used simultaneously in personnel actions, the third line on page five beginning with "except" include a very minor change as underlined: "except, however, military personnel who are assigned or detailed with the Central Intelligence Agency or any DOD personnel who work with CIA in a capacity requiring 'CIA staff-like access' may be given polygraph examinations by the CIA."

I have also reviewed the provisions of paragraph III.E.4, 5., and 6., and these are accurate statements of the general policies followed by CIA in connection with the polygraph examination of DOD personnel.

I appreciate your consideration in these matters. Should there be any further questions regarding your policy revision as noted above or to any consideration related to the CIA polygraph program as it applies to DOD personnel, please do not hesitate to call me at any time.

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Sincerely,

  
Director of Security

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